(b) the number of allotments which were found to be irregular in the report of the Committee with State-wise details;

(c) what action has been taken or is being proposed to be taken against such allotments; and

(d) what criteria has been set out regarding allotment of petrol pumps?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI**MANI** SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) A Committee comprising two retired Judges, appointed by the Supreme Court of India to enquire into certain selections made by the erstwhile Dealer Selection Boards, which were reported in the media during July-August, 2002, submitted its report to the Court on 29.9.2004. Out of the 409 cases of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships considered by the Committee, the Committee has found that selection in 297 cases was not proper.

The Supreme Court is now expected to take a decision in the matter on the basis of the report of this Committee. Further action in this regard will depend on the orders of the Court.

(d) The public sector oil marketing companies have framed guidelines for selection/allotment of dealerships/distributorships, including retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps). These guidelines contain detailed provisions, including objective and transparent criteria for evaluation of candidates, applying for allotment of such dealerships/distributorships.

OVL's Overseas contracts

3505. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total oil equity acrage that has been contracted abroad by **OVL;**

(b) the time-frame for the production of Oil/OEG from these **acrages/** concessions; and

(c) what is the project production of oil from the overseas investment by the year 2010 and 2012?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI **MANI** SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) ONGC Videsh Ltd. (OVL) have Participating Interest (PI) in 14 exploration and production assets in 12 countries. The details are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(b) Block 06.1 in Vietnam and the Greater Nile Oil Project (GNOP) in Sudan are producing gas and oil respectively. Production from Sakhalin-I in Russia is expected during 2005-06, though full production of oil and gas is expected in 2007 & 2010 respectively. While production from Block 5A in Sudan is expected during 2006-07, for other exploration projects, it would depend upon the outcome of the exploratory activities being undertaken by OVL.

(c) During the year 2004-05, OVL produced about 5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of oil and oil equivalent gas (O+OEG) from their Vietnam and Sudan Projects. The production of (O+OEG) during the year 2005-06 is estimated to be around 5.20 MMT. Production estimates for the year 2010 & 2012 are not available.

Statement

Details of total oil equity acrage contracted abroad by OVL

s. No.	Country	Name of the Project/Asset	Participating Interest with details of other partners
1	Vietnam	Block 06.1	OVL-45% BP-35%(Operator) PV-20%
2	Russia	Sakhalin-1	OVL-20% EXXON-30% (Operator) Sodeco-30% SMNG-11.5% RNAstra-8.5%
3	Sudan	Greater Nile Oil Project	OVL-25% CNPC-40% Petronas-30% Sudapet-5% (Joint-Operatorship)
4	Iraq	Block-8	OVL100% (Operator)
5	Myanmer	Block A-1	OVL-20% Daewoo-60% (Operator) KOGAS-10% GAIL-10%

1	2	3	4
6	Iran	Farsi Offshore Block,	OVL-40% (Operator) IOC-40% OIL-20%7 Libya
7	Block NC-	188&NC-189	OVL-49% TPOC-51% (Operator)
8	Syria	Block#24	OVL-60% IPR International-40% (Operator)
9	Sudan	Block 5B	OVL-24.125% Petronas- 68.875% (Operator) Sudapet-7%
10	Sudan	Block 5B	OVL-23.5% Petronas-41% (Operator) Sudapet-11% Lundin-24.5%
11	Australia	Block WA-306P,	OVL-55% Antrim Energy lnc-32% with Operatorship Magellan-12.5%
12	Ivory Coast	Block CI-112,	OVL-23.5% Oil India Ltd.-11.5% Vanco - 3-% with Operatorship Sinopec-30% Petroci-5%
13	Qatar	Najwat Najem Oil Structure, Offshore,	OVL-100% (Operator)
14	Egypt	Block-6-North Ramadan,	OVL-70% IPR-30% (OVL and IPR will jointly develop the block with IPR taking the lead during exploration phase.)